

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	72279	Agenda Number	23.
Meeting Date:	6/22/2017		Department:	Public Health
Subject				
Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 10-6 relating to electronic smoking devices.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
No fiscal impact.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	On May 11, 2017, Council approved a resolution directing the City Manager to draft code amendments to add electronic smoking devices to City Code Chapter 10-6 (Smoking in Public Places) and to clarify related definitions.			
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

In 2005, the City adopted an ordinance restricting smoking in all public places. Since then, new electronic cigarette products have appeared on the market that do not fall under the current definitions for "smoking." These new electronic cigarette products are currently not regulated and are not proven to be safe.

On May 11, 2017, Council approved Resolution No. 20170511-007 directing the City Manager to draft code amendments for Council consideration that add electronic smoking devices to existing City Code prohibitions against the sale, delivery, and use of cigarettes and tobacco products; and clarify definitions for "smoking" and "electronic smoking devices." The City Manager was directed to present an ordinance for Council consideration within 90 days from the adoption of the resolution.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Percentage of City employees working at tobacco free sites.

Percent of adults currently smoking in Travis County.

RELATED DEPARTMENTAL GOALS:

Improve Quality of Life to Reduce the Years of Potential Life Lost due to Preventable Chronic Diseases.

Reduce the number of tobacco related deaths below 650.